

## Jagjivan Ram Abhinav Kisan Puruskar (National /Zonal) Rules

1. **Name of the Award:** The name of the award will be “**Jagjivan Ram Abhinav Kisan Puruskar/Jagjivan Ram Innovative Farmer Award (National /Zonal)**”.
2. **Sponsorship of the Award:** Indian Council of Agricultural Research
3. **Objectives**  
To recognize contribution of innovative farmer for initiatives in development adoption, modification and dissemination of improved technology and practices for increased income with sustainability.
4. **Number of Awards and Frequency**  
National: One annual award of ₹1,00,000 in any of the areas of agriculture and allied sciences + equal amount of travel grant across the country to promote his achievement.

Zonal: Eight annual awards of ₹0.50 lakhs + equal amount of travel grant to promote his achievement and motivate for farmers in his perspective zone. All the KVKs in the country are divided zone wise. There are eight zones and each zone is headed by Zonal Director. The geographical areas of each zone are given below as per the zones of KVKs.

Zone	Area
Zone 1 Ludhiana-	Punjab, Haryana, Himachal, J&K and Delhi
Zone 2 Kolkata-	Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal & Andaman & Nicobar Island
Zone 3 Barapani-	Assam, Arunachal, Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim
Zone 4 Kanpur-	Uttar Pradesh & Uttrakhand
Zone 5 Hyderabad-	Maharashtra & Andhra Pradesh
Zone 6 Jodhpur-	Rajasthan, Gujarat, Daman & Diu
Zone 7 Jabalpur	Madhya Pradesh, Chhatisgarh & Orissa
Zone 8 Bangalore-	Karnataka, Kerala, TamilNadu, Goa, Puducherry & Lakshadweep

5. **Area of Award**

The award will be for the creative approach – Innovative farming, technological acceptance, contribution in enhanced productivity, farming attributes shown by a farmer. This may involve activities like farmers innovation in resource conservation and enhancement, germplasm collection and conservation of plant, animals and fish species or Management Practices, Soil and Water Management/Conservation, Development of Appropriate Tools and Equipment, Innovations in Dry Farming Technique/Practices, New Improved Food and Feed Products and Control of Diseases among Plant/Animals, processing of agricultural produce & marketing.

6. **Administration of the Award**

A five-member Judging Committee will be appointed by the DG, ICAR including one representative farmer to make suitable recommendations. In case no suitable application are received, the award shall not be given. The post award programme/grant will be administered by Division of Agricultural Extension

7. **Eligibility Criteria**

Any farmer who has been involved himself/herself for at least 10 years in agriculture and livestock operations and other allied activities.

8. **Criteria of Selection**

The farmer's innovation/creativity/approaches should result:

- i. New knowledge/package of practices/management strategies / additional information to the existing one
- ii. Additional income to the individual farmer/farming community
- iii. Saving of resources/inputs
- iv. Breaking technology transfer barriers
- v. Prevention of outbreak of diseases and pests
- vi. Bringing out radical changes in management packages in resulting in productivity enhancement from land or animals and processing, value addition, and marketing.

9. **Procedure for Nomination:**

National: Agricultural Production Commissioners /Secretaries/Directors of Agril./Hort./A.H./Fisheries/Sericulture, Vice-Chancellors of agricultural universities/ Directors of ICAR Institutes will identify and nominate the farmers in their area of jurisdiction and forward the authentic information to the Council.

Zonal: Agricultural Production Commissioners /Secretaries/Directors of Agril./Hort./A.H./Fisheries/Sericulture, Vice-Chancellors of agricultural universities/ Directors of ICAR Institutes and Zonal directors of KVKs/NGOs, will identify and nominate the farmers in their area of jurisdiction and forward the authentic information to the Council.

**A farmer can be nominated either for zonal or for national award. The Judging Committee will scrutinize the claims and decide the award on merit.**

10. **Presentation of the Award** Award in the form of a citation and award money of ₹ 100,000 for National or ₹50,000 for Zonal shall be presented on the ICAR foundation day (16<sup>th</sup> July).

## Jagjivan Ram Abhinav Kisan Puruskar (National/Zonal): Nomination Form

1. Name of the Award
  2. **Specify whether for National or Zonal**
  3. Year
  4. Name of the Farmer
  5. Father's / Husband's Name
  6. Marital Status
  7. Date and place of birth
  8. Postal address
  9. Formal/informal education
  10. Resources owned by Farmer
    - (i) Land (ha)
    - (ii) Water bodies with irrigation capacity
    - (iii) Animal Resources including fish and Poultry
    - (iv) Farm Machinery
  
  11. Area Under
    - (i) Field Crops
    - (ii) Horticultural Crops
    - (iii) Agroforestry Apiculture/Sericulture
    - (iv) Dairy/Poultry/Fisheries/Duckaries/Piggaries (specify unit)
  12. New Technologies developed
  13. New Technologies adopted in Farming (List only)
  14. Technologies modified if any
  15. Activity wise income , cost-benefit ratio, gross and net income year-wise for previous five years
    - (i) Field crops
    - (ii) Horticulture crops
    - (iii) Livestock
    - (iv) Fisheries
    - (v) Any other
  16. Productivity Levels achieved in major income generating activity during the last five years.
  17. What improvement have been effected for productivity, profitability and sustainability - enhancement.
  18. Any spread effect on Fellow Farmers (Give brief account in one page).
  19. Innovative interventions inducted in the system of production and management and effects
  20. The contribution of the farmers in terms of
    - i. New package of practices / management strategies
    - ii. Saving or resources / inputs
    - iii. Breaking technology transfer barriers
    - iv. Prevention of outbreak of diseases and pests
    - v. Bringing about radical change in management packages / in contributing record production from land, water or animals
      - Recognition received at the Block / District /State level and
      - Other sources
- Photo

21. Extent of publicity of his / her innovations / contributions / success story
22. Any other relevant information (documentary proofs through photos, publications, CDS, certificates, medals and awards, etc.)

(Signature of the farmer)

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**Note:**

3. *The nomination form may include only the essentially required facts and figures and should not contain unnecessary details about the individual achievements etc. The nomination form must also contain a summary statement which should be quantifiable and in perfect sync with the criteria laid out for the award.*
4. *Also enclose two passport size photos and a copy of cancelled Bank Cheque clearly showing the Name of applicant, Name of Bank/ Branch of Bank, Bank Account No., IFSC code, MICR code.*